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Mr. David Nelson Mr. Kevin Barstow Committee on Energy and Commerce H2-316 Ford House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear David and Kevin:

In response to the letter from Chairman Dingell and Chairman Stupak dated July 31, 2007, enclosed are the documents from the National Fisheries Institute.

These documents include:

- 1. Record retention memorandum sent to all NFI staff and the staff replies.
- 2. Calendar entries for meetings of the National coalition of Food importing Associations. These entries are for Lisa Weddig, Barbara Blakistone and Robert Collette, each NFI technical staff. Mr. Collette is no longer with NFI and Ms. Weddig started at NFI in early June.
- 3. Address card for Mr. Martin Mitchell of Certified Laboratories. He is the only member that NFI staff could identify who was active in the discussions of the NCFIA proposal.
- 4. E-mails between NCFIA Members, outlining the various stages of the proposal as it developed over the past year.
- 5. Proposals from Olsen Frank and Weeda for government counseling on food importing issues, including the NCFIA proposal.
- 6. Proposals for a similar pilot program from 1994 and 1995.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

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Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable Ed Whitfield, Ranking Member Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations